



Bees and Honey

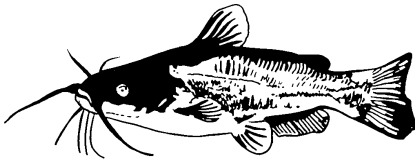
Honey production from Louisiana producers with five or more colonies during 2008 totaled 2.2 million pounds, 13 percent below the 2007 level. Producers harvested honey from 29,000 colonies. Production per colony averaged 77 pounds.

Prices from the 2008 honey crop averaged \$1.33 per pound, up \$0.25 from 2007. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and co-ops. Louisiana producers had 246,000 pounds of honey in stock on December 15, 2008, compared with 413,000 pounds on hand the previous year.

Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks and Value: Louisiana, 2005-2008

Year	Number of Colonies	Average Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 th	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	---1,000---	---Pounds---	-----1,000 Pounds-----		---Cents---	---\$1,000---
2005	35	97	3,395	611	72.0	2,444
2006	30	90	2,700	675	90.0	2,403
2007	29	89	2,581	413	108.0	2,787
2008	29	77	2,233	246	133.0	2,970

Catfish



Louisiana ranks fifth in the nation in foodsize catfish production, water surface acres and total sales of catfish. Mississippi leads the nation in foodsize catfish production, followed by Alabama, Arkansas and Texas.

Total sales of catfish in Louisiana for the year 2008 were \$11.9 million, up one percent from sales in 2007. Of this amount, 99.5 percent was from sales of foodsize catfish. Farmers sold 15.4 million pounds of foodsize catfish in 2008 compared to 15.9 million pounds in 2007. Sales in 2008 averaged 77 cents per pound, up four cents from 2007.

Catfish data come from the January 1, 2009, Catfish Grower's Survey. This survey is conducted every January; a similar survey is conducted every July.